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Korean Envoy Warns of Apathy in Foreign Crises

Korean Ambassador to the U.S. said they have become vulnerable to a surprise attack. He said his argument is "that if you want to accept comfort and calmness, you must also be prepared to face the danger of international crises."

Numerous citizens who took an interest in world affairs of the greatest dangers, "you must also be prepared to face the danger of international crises."

Quemoy because they did not want the Nationalists to reduce their Quemoy garrison. Quemoy is for the Communists an ideal whipping boy, according to this theory. Its geographical situation makes it militarily and propagandistically a strong position for the Communists and a weak one for the Nationalists. It was pointed out to these officials that criticism from the United States allies concerned not only the number of troops on Quemoy but also the indications that the United States was committed to its defense.

Would it not follow, the officials were asked, that the best "public relations" step of all as far as the allies were concerned, and the unkindest cut of all as far as the Communists were concerned, would be to withdraw the Nationalists from Quemoy altogether.

They replied that official United States thinking did not go that far. At present no thought was being given to evacuating the islands. If some people thought that was the logical conclusion of United States policy, that was their own affair, they said. Mr. Dulles was not suggesting it in Taipei.

The effect of the renewed bombardment of the offshore islands was to give Mr. Dulles' discussions a more hypothetical character, the officials said. Certainly, they added, neither Mr. Dulles nor President Chiang Kai-shek would advocate taking any steps under Communist fire.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21 (AP)—A rift between Communist China and the Soviet Union, not to be fooled by reports of a rift between Communist China and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union may be concerned about the growth and development of its Communist partner, but nothing he saw or heard in the Soviet Union indicated any crack in solidarity, the former Democratic candidate for President told members of the Inland Daily Press Association.

Hope should be mixed with caution, too, in expecting eruptions in other Soviet bloc states, Mr. Stevenson said.

The Soviet Union does not want war, Mr. Stevenson is convinced, and even after forty years of hostile propaganda there is no "hate America" psychosis among the great mass of the people.

"But Russians do evidence a fear of being ringed around with American bases and they suffer a sad, miserable ignorance of the West," Mr. Stevenson said.

The emergence of the managerial class, "with no commensurate looking over their shoulders," has given Soviet leaders confidence that time is on their side, Mr. Stevenson declared.

"No longer are young people sitting up all night discussing doctrine, engaging in dialectic exercises" for communism is the accepted way of doing business, the former Illinois Governor declared.

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New Red Mystery: Why Break Truce?

Shelling Shows Peiping Can Turn Strait Tension On or Off at Will

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Reds' Pride Hurt

TAIPEI, Tuesday, Oct. 21.—The resumption by the Chinese Communists yesterday of their artillery bombardment of the Nationalist-held offshore island of Quemoy demonstrated once again that they hold the initiative in their struggle with the Chinese Nationalists.

The Communists have shown they can turn tension in the Formosa Strait on or off at will, as they choose to act as to their political or military advantage.

Why did they begin shelling again? No one here knows for certain. But a number of reasons are being advanced, and they probably are interrelated.

Will Call U. S. Aggressor

The Communists now can tell the world, once more, even though fallaciously, that the United States is the "aggressor" in the Peiping-Taipei struggle. This undoubtedly was the motive behind the almost daily "warnings" broadcast by the Peiping radio over "intrusions" by American warships into their territorial waters.

They almost certainly describe the talks with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to have here with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as prompted by a "provocative act," even if they merely described Mr. Dulles' visit to Korea in 1950 not long before the start of the Korean war as a signal for South Korean forces to march north.

The Communists probably hope that Mr. Dulles, as a result of the increased tension in the Formosa Strait area, will feel impelled to demand concessions by the Nationalists in the name of peace. They certainly are aware of the division of opinion in the United States and among its allies over further involvement in a Chinese dispute. But it is possible that the Communists, in their insularity, have gravely miscalculated regarding such opinion.

Reds' pride, which burns fiercely, has been hurt by repeated assertions at Taipei and Washington that the two successive cease-fire orders issued "unilaterally" by the Communists were due to a defeat for them. Chiang Kai-shek told the world that the Nationalists had won the first round of the struggle.

The Communists, however, in two weeks of the cease-fire to build up their military strength on the mainland near the offshore islands, bring in more and newer bridges and fortifications and repair old ones.

Possibly responsible in part for the cease-fire orders was a conflict within the Communist armed forces or between them and the Chinese Communist party as a result of the failure to batter the Quemoy groups of islands into submission by the bombardment which began on Aug. 23.

General Replaced

A few observers here have suggested that a conflict of this kind would be replaced by a "secret" service general, Hunan Ke-cheng, as chief of staff. But most observers interpreted this as primarily a domestic political matter.

It is not altogether impossible that the Communists are trying to "batter" Quemoy for an attempted amphibious invasion. Most observers are skeptical, in view of almost prohibitive cost in lives because of the strong defenses which the Nationalists have constructed.

More probably, the Communists are sticking to limited political and military objectives for the present in their long-range plan to swallow Formosa and then the rest of Asia.

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Chinese Give Arms to Korean

TOKYO, Oct. 17 (AP)—Pyongyang radio said today Chinese Communists were pulling out of North Korea formally handed over all the installations and equipment of the North Korean army yesterday.

A joint communiqué North Korean Defense Minister Kim Kwang Hui and Gen. Yang Yung, commander of the Chinese armed forces in North Korea, said the decision was taken "in connection with the withdrawal from the area to be completed before long."

"I said the transfer covers all barracks, fittings, buildings, installations, material and equipment."

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THAILAND FORBIDS POLITICAL PARTIES

100 Suspected Reds Sent After Shift of Government

—U. S. Gets Assurance

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Field Marshal Sarit

rat, Supreme Commander of armed forces, banned all political parties today and by rounding up persons suspected of Communist activities, the marshal seized power last night in a bloodless coup with agreement of the Government he ousted.

The police were said to be seeking Nai Thep Chotikul, head of the United Socialist Front. According to incomplete reports, more than 100 persons have been arrested, twenty of them newspapermen and at least four or five members of the National Assembly, including Nai Klad Narapit of the Socialist Front.

Government forces closed extreme Leftist Chinese newspapers and arrested leaders of several Chinese associations here. Five editors in three extremist papers are being held. Another editor, Nai Sang Rakul, who is also a labor leader, is believed to be in hiding.

Also taken into custody five former Assemblymen have recently returned.